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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the April edition of "Evaluation News: Expanding Knowledge Through Information Exchange." This monthly E-newsletter contains national and state evaluation publication sources, resources, news updates, and information on upcoming conferences. The E-newsletter provides evaluation information to states on a regular basis using technology to promote information exchange and enhance capacity to access the research community.

NATIONAL EVALUATION NEWS

"The Greenbook Demonstration Initiative: Process Evaluation Report: Phase I (January 2001 - June 2002)," submitted to the U. S. Department of Justice by Caliber Associates, is available through NCJRS (NCJ 204955). The report is a process evaluation of the Greenbook Initiative aimed at addressing the co-occurrence of family violence. Four sites from Colorado, New Hampshire, Oregon, and Missouri participated in the demonstration project. Two sites from California also participated. The complete document can be downloaded at:

<<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/grants/204955.pdf>>

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STATE EVALUATION NEWS

"Community Policing In Chicago, Year Ten: An Evaluation of Chicago's Alternative Policing Strategy," was recently submitted to the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority by The Chicago Community Policing Evaluation Consortium. This report evaluates the progress of CAPS through the end of Year 2003. The complete document can be downloaded at:

<http://www.icjia.state.il.us/public/pdf/ResearchReports/CAPS_10.pdf>

Submitted (April 2004)

"Evaluation of the Gang Violence Reduction Project in Little Village," was recently submitted to the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority by The School of Social Service Administration at The University of Chicago. This report presents process and outcome data for the Gang Violence Reduction Project implemented to address gang violence in an inner-city area of Chicago. The complete document can be downloaded at:

<http://www.icjia.state.il.us/public/pdf/ResearchReports/GVRP_Eval.pdf>

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Has your state published recent evaluation reports? Contact Veronica Puryear to insure your work is included in a future edition of Evaluation News!

STATE EVALUATION NEWS CONTINUED

"An Impact Evaluation of Specialized Sex Offender Probation Programs in Coles, Vermilion, and Madison Counties," was recently submitted to the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority by The Center for Legal Studies, Institute for Public Affairs at the University of Illinois at Springfield. A background of the study, study methodology, program implementation and impact of the three programs is discussed in the report. The complete document can be downloaded at:

<<http://www.icjia.state.il.us/public/pdf/ResearchReports/Coles%20Vermilion%20and%20Madison.pdf>>
Submitted (March 2004)

The North Carolina Criminal Justice Analysis Center has released a report entitled, "Notifying and Informing Victims of Crime: An Evaluation of North Carolina's SAVAN System." This report presents process, impact, and cost-benefit data for SAVAN (Statewide Automated Victim Assistance & Notification) which is a computer network providing crime victims with information on offender movement. The complete document can be downloaded at: <<http://www.ncgccd.org/PDFs/pubs/SAVANexec.pdf>>
Submitted (February 2004)

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Annual Conference on Criminal Justice Research and Evaluation will be held Monday, July 19th, 2004 through Wednesday, July 21st, 2004 at the J. W. Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC. For more information, visit: <<http://www.nijpcs.org/RE/index.htm>>

The Evaluators' Institute will be hosting courses on the basic foundations of evaluation practice, different approaches to evaluation and more from Monday, July 19th, 2004 through Friday, July 30th, 2004. Courses will be held at the Washington Marriott Hotel and George Washington University. For more information, visit: <<http://www.evaluatorsinstitute.com/>>

The National Drug Court Institute will be hosting its 2004 Comprehensive Drug Court Practitioner Training Series. Examples of trainings being offered are the Regional Evaluation Trainings being held October 1-2, 2004 in Las Vegas, NV and November 12-13, 2004 in Dallas, TX. For complete information on all the training series, visit: <<http://ndci.org/Catalog20032.pdf>>

The National Drug Court Institute will be hosting a Regional Evaluation Training October 1-2, 2004 in Las Vegas, NV. Another Regional Evaluation Training will be held November 12-13, 2004 in Dallas, TX. For more information, visit: <http://www.ndci.org/training_schedule03.htm>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is seeking proposals to conduct research and evaluation relevant to State and/or local criminal and juvenile justice policy and practice in areas such as policing, community crime prevention, justice system improvements, corrections, and alcohol- and drug-related crime. The deadline is September 28, 2004. For complete details see:

<<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/sl000663.pdf>>

RESOURCES

For more information about evaluation visit: [<http://www.bja.evaluationwebsite.org/index.html>](http://www.bja.evaluationwebsite.org/index.html)

On-line articles relating to evaluation are accessible from the peer-reviewed electronic journal, *Practical Assessment, Research & Evaluation*. This journal is available at: [<http://pareonline.net/Home.htm>](http://pareonline.net/Home.htm)

Examples of articles included in the journal:

"Thinking About How to Evaluate Your Program? These Strategies Will Get You Started" available at: [<http://pareonline.net/getvn.asp?v=9&n=8>](http://pareonline.net/getvn.asp?v=9&n=8)

"Some Evaluation Questions" available at: [<http://pareonline.net/getvn.asp?v=6&n=3>](http://pareonline.net/getvn.asp?v=6&n=3)

"Basic Guide to Program Evaluation" by Carter McNamara, Ph.D. can be accessed at: [<http://www.mapnp.org/library/evaluatn/fnl_eval.htm>](http://www.mapnp.org/library/evaluatn/fnl_eval.htm)

The U. S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, has an on-line document entitled, "The Program Manager's Guide to Program Evaluation." This document is available at: [<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/core/pubs_reports/prog_mgr.html>](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/core/pubs_reports/prog_mgr.html)

The World Bank Group presents information on "Understanding Impact Evaluation" that includes sections on evaluation designs, data collection methods, estimation methods, and evaluation implementation and methodological issues. They also provide a section on selected evaluations. The information is accessible at: [<http://www.worldbank.org/poverty/impact/index.htm>](http://www.worldbank.org/poverty/impact/index.htm)

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